

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

1. (Currently Amended) A An apparatus including a hanger for and a fabric article comprising:

a hanging element;

a shaft having a top end and a bottom end, the hanging element disposed on the top end of the shaft; ~~and~~

a support element disposed on the bottom end of the shaft and extending outwardly therefrom to provide a support base; and

~~wherein the~~ an article rolled around the shaft ~~forms~~ to form a cylinder, whereby the base supports the article in a vertical position.

2. (Currently Amended) The ~~hanger~~ apparatus as defined in claim 1, wherein the support element is ring shaped.

3. (Currently Amended) The ~~hanger~~ apparatus as defined in claim 1, wherein the support element is a solid disk.

4. (Currently Amended) The ~~hanger~~ apparatus as defined in claim 1, wherein the support element is pivotally connected to the shaft and the support element pivoting between a

first position approximately parallel to the shaft and a second position approximately perpendicular to the shaft.

5. (Currently Amended) The hanger apparatus as defined in claim 4, wherein the pivotally connected support element comprises a notch dimensioned to receive the shaft.

6. (Currently Amended) The hanger apparatus as defined in claim 1, further comprising a header element, wherein the header element is disposed on the shaft between the hanging element and the article.

7. (Currently Amended) The hanger apparatus as defined in claim 6, wherein the header element is trapezoidal in cross section.

8. (Currently Amended) The hanger apparatus as defined in claim 6, wherein the header element is rectangular in cross section.

9. (Currently Amended) The hanger apparatus as defined in claim 1, further comprising a strap encircling the article.

10. (Currently Amended) The ~~hanger~~ apparatus as defined in claim 1, wherein the support element extends radially from the shaft.

11. (Cancelled)